## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As I sit here writing to you the sun is shining and is forecast do so for the next five days. What a change from the rest of the month of December. I hope that the inches of rain mean verdant grasses and shrubs this spring. Which also means will need to continue our attack on the scotch broom and weeds, with tools not herbicides. I hope you will join us for Monday morning work sessions and a party or two as we could scotch broom.

The Community Relations Committee has had a busy six months. They hosted the Surf Pines Garage Sale and a ve successful Picnic in the Park in July. August gave them the

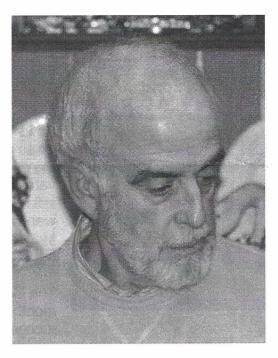
opportunity to try a new event ~~ a movie in the park. In October they held the second and Surf Pines Artist's Show, an opportunity for resident artists to show textiles, paintings and drawings as well as ceramics and sculpture. They ended the year with a gorgeous Holiday Gathering at the home of Cindy and Dave Liebel. Not resting on their laurels, plans are already underway for winter-into-spring. See page two for the invitation to learn about the unique Silverspot Butterfly Habitat Restoration taking place within Surf Pines and the opportunity to expand the habitat to your yard. And plans are underway for another Artists Show, with all the art work in one place. Thank you so much to Kathy Arndt and the Committee for providing such a nice mix of activities for our enjoyment.

Many residents participated in the Road Management Plan and the final priorities are reflected to the input. The full plan is included in this issue. Thank you to the Committee and to you making it a plan that reflects the best plan possible for everyone.

The new gate system is operational, but not without some glitches. John and Carol Gates have worked tirelessly to change out codes and clickers and sign up contractors. Our code are working well, contractors have signed up for an official business code and most resider realize the time and money that has gone into this upgrade and are keeping their codes on for the use of their families. As a community we need to make sure that our gates are not porous and deliver the security we need.

Many of you have asked the Board to recognize the contributions of Carol Gates, not only a partner to John but as a special contributor for the benefit of the residents. On your behalf Board gave Carol a Christmas gift and a note spelling out our appreciation.

Art Limbird is a Professor Emeritus of Physical Geography who has retired to the North Oregon Coast following a career dedicated to teaching – at Michigan State University, Bowling Green University in Ohio, and then at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. As a Geographer, he and his wife, Kay, have visited more than 60 countries. Art also has applied his expertise in soil characteristics and formation to environmental and land use projects with international development agencies, rural development organizations, ministries of agriculture, and departments of forestry. Since arriving in the Astoria area, he has worked with the North Coast Land Conservancy doing soil surveys with Austin Tomlinson and being a Site Steward for 6 NCLC properties on the Clatsop Plains. He also has done soil survey work for the National Wildlife Service at Willapa Bay and is the soils consultant for the Silverspot Butterfly Habitat Restoration



## MARCH 19, 2016 3:00 - 5:00 PM FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN HOSTED BY YOUR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE BEER, WINE AND SODA FOR THE KIDS

We hope you all had a Happy Holiday and have a Healthy, Happy New Year!

As you know our new gate computer system is up and running. While we are still working on getting the last of the kinks out, it is actually working quit well.

Please remember to use your new 4 digit code (it will not take the old 5 digit one) and also when you use your new remote be sure to hold the button down until the red light comes on. If you haven't exchanged you remote yet just come by the office any Thursday thru Monday to pick it up.

The new code system is less than 30 days old and some residents are already giving their private codes to delivery drivers and contractors. The purpose of the new code system is to keep our community more safe and secure. Giving your private code out defeats this purpose. Please do yourself and me a favor and use the visitor codes on the card for non-resident entry or contractors. Other workers who come in frequently can come to the office and get their own code. I will be taking these codes out in the next few days, so if you gave out your private code give me a call and we can change it, because once it is removed you will have to come in the office and get a new one.

If you are away and worried about your home because of all the storms, just give me a call and I will be happy to check it out and see that all the doors and windows are secure.

Please if you see or hear anything that doesn't seem right give me a call right away.

Wishing you a safe and happy 2016!

John Gates Security Manager

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## Going Spray Free

from Rod and Christine Leback, Patrick and Carmen Hammersmith, Daniel and Cathy Stearns, Michael a Kristen Wilkin, Lu Thornton, Diane McVey and Peter Hughes

We've been looking at the issue of using herbicides in Surf Pines for almost a year and we wanted to update everyone. Lots of information is coming out and if you haven't seen it, The New England Journal of Medicin has advised against using Round-up, calling it carcinogenic. Also, many university professors have accept money from Monsanto, the maker of Round-up, to say that the product is safe when it's not (http://usrtk.org.gmo/journalists-failed-to-disclose-sources-funding-from-monsanto-a-short-report/).

Additionally, we are seeing that attitudes are changing about the way people want to live, and residents ha reported potential buyers asking if herbicides and other poisons have ever been used in the yard. They was dog-friendly, kid-friendly yards where they know their families are safe.

In light of this, a number of us have decided to show that our yards are free of these products by posting S Free signs. You may have seen these signs popping up. We are fortunate to have a new resident of Surf F who is a graphic designer (Professor of Art and Design Daniel Stearns), and he offered to make a sign that would serve this purpose, one with a positive message. The sign shows a fingerprint to mean having a light touch on the earth. If you want a sign for your own yard, please email Daniel Stearns (catdanste@gmail.com Each sign is \$15, to cover the printing cost. We have been getting very positive support from new resident Surf Pines. We decided to make signs for the benefit of walkers, especially those with children and dogs, so they know they don't have to have concerns passing these properties. "We have to consider our beloved dogs," said one resident, "because their paws are having contact with the ground and their paws can absorbed that are sprayed along the road and these herbicides can be deadly for them."

For this reason, we are asking homeowners who still choose to use Round-up and other herbicides, to refifrom spraying within 8 feet of the road, so that when walkers and dogs have to step off the road onto the right of way to avoid oncoming cars, they are not exposed to herbicides.

Surf Pines residents enjoy a very scenic community with lots of wildlife and we feel grateful to be in such a community. You may have seen the front-page Daily Astorian article on 12/1/15 about the reintroduction of Silverspot butterfly, which is on the Endangered Species list. The butterfly larvae diet consists entirely of v stems and leaves, so native violets have been planted. This is happening on land in and adjacent to Surf Pines, and many of us feel proud and happy that our community supports this work.

Those of us who live here enjoy the natural setting and the wildlife and we want to work to preserve this. V hope you will join us in this.

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